Evaluation of MTNL, HPCL and BPCL

1489. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of disinvcst MTNL, HPCL and BPCL;

(b) whether Government have made evaluations of these public sector undertakings;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the names of the other public sector undertakings likely to be disinvested, particularly PSUs in the State of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): Disinvestment in Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) is a continuous process. As a part of the process. Government keeps considering proposals for disinvestment in various Public Sector Undertakings from time to time. The proposals are considered through Inter-Ministerial consultation and final decisions are taken. No decision has been taken in respect of disinvestment of MTNL. In the case of BPCL and HPCL, Government has decided [4]in principle' to disinvest in BPCL and HPCL.

(b) and (c) At the time of disinvestment, valuation of the concerned PSU is done through various methodologies so as to arrive at a reserve price.

(d) At present, action is being taken on disinvestment by the Ministry of Disinvestment in 30 Public Sector Undertakings/ subsidiaries of Public Sector Undertakings. IPCL, a PSU in the State of Gujarat, is one such PSU in which Government is presently undertaking the disinvestment exercise.

Divesting of SCI

1490. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of a downswing in the shipping